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VICTIM OF WRECK WELL KNOWN HERE

J. D. OLIVER, RECENTLY
KILLED IN BIRMINGHAM
HAD LOCAL FRIENDS.

WAS HUSBAND OF COLUMBUS WOMAN

Married Miss Fannie Gibbs,
Who Was Born and Raised
in This City.

J. D. Oliver, who together with Louis Walton lost his life as the result of an explosion on a Southern Railway train in Birmingham last Saturday night, was well known here, having married Miss Fannie Gibbs, a native of this city and who is said to have been one of the most attractive young ladies ever raised in Columbus.

Both Oliver and Walton were instantly killed, while J. D. Russell, who had previously lost both legs and who for several years past had supported his family by selling chewing gum and pencils on the streets of Birmingham, was seriously injured. The explosion is thought to have resulted from either dynamite or nitroglycerine which was in the possession of Walton, and the police are working on the theory that he committed suicide, as he was charged with the murder of his former partner in business, M. O. Barton, who was found dead in the public road near Mulga, Ala., a little more than a year ago. Walton had faced two juries, but each time a mistrial resulted, and he was out on bond when he met his weird death. He had recently taken out an accident policy for \$10,000 but which contained a clause providing that his beneficiaries would receive double that sum should he be killed while on a railway train, and the police believe that he worked out this ingenious method of ending his life in order that his wife and children might get the full amount of the policy. He evidently figured that the cause of the explosion would never be definitely ascertained, and that the insurance would finally be paid. It is positively known, however, that he caused the wreck, and the insurance company will not pay over the money without a fight in the courts.

James D. Oliver, killed in the smoking compartment, was laid to rest in Birmingham Monday morning. Services were held at 10:30 o'clock from St. Andrew's Episcopal church. He was a vestryman of the church, and his co-workers of the vestry, Walter Phillips, R. L. Williams, J. E. Moore, H. H. Snell, Frank Stevens, T. B. Akridge, R. H. Woodrow, T. S. Forbes, H. P. Burris and Lauson McCall, acted as pallbearers. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. J. A. Calame and Mrs. C. A. Gholston, and a son, James D. Oliver, Jr. He was 52 years old.

MAJ. LINCOLN NAMES STAFF FOR WASHINGTON REUNION

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF SONS
OF VETERANS OF STATE
APPOINTS AID.

Maj. B. A. Lincoln, commander-in-chief of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, has appointed the following staff for the annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans which is to be held at Washington, D. C., in June.

Adjutant-general and chief of staff, V. B. Innes, Columbus, quartermaster-general, B. H. McFarland, Aberdeen; inspector-general, Alexander Currey, Hattiesburg; judge-advocate-general, C. L. Garnett, Columbus; surgeon-general, Dr. W. T. Bolton, Biloxi; chaplain-general, Rev. J. B. Lawrence, Jackson; historian, Albert Stone, Dunleith.

Since his election as commander-in-chief of the Mississippi Division, Lincoln has taken an active interest in the work and is endeavoring to create interest among members of the various camps throughout the state, so that Mississippi will be well represented at the Washington reunion.

On the Jackson Highway.

NAMES TRUSTEES FOR BEAUVOIR

COMMANDER LINCOLN AP-
POINTS MEN TO REP-
RESENT THE SONS.

WILL CO-OPERATE WITH STATE BOARD

Appointments Made After a
Consultation With Adjutant-
General Forrest.

After a consultation with Gen. N. B. Forrest, adjutant-general of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for the entire south, who has been in the city for several days past, Maj. B. A. Lincoln, commander-in-chief of the Mississippi Division, has appointed the following board of trustees from the different brigades to co-operate with the board appointed by Governor Bilbo in the management of Beauvoir, the home for indigent Confederate veterans near Biloxi:

First Brigade: E. C. Sharp, of Booneville; second brigade, W. P. Shinnault, Oxford; third brigade, T. R. Henderson, Greenwood; fourth brigade, T. U. Sisson, Winona; fifth brigade, O. L. McKay, Meridian; sixth brigade, N. B. Forrest, Biloxi; seventh brigade, S. H. Bagwell, Port Gibson; eighth brigade, J. R. McDowell, Jackson.

While here Gen. Forrest discussed with Major Lincoln plans for the annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans, which will be held in Washington early in June. It is hoped to have the Mississippi Division of Sons of Confederate Veterans well represented at this reunion, and officers of the organization are working with this end in view.

Stock Market Report.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Jan. 9.—Today's Receipts. Cattle, 7,000; hogs, 15,000; sheep, 1,000.

Cattle: Owing to an increased supply of canner and cutter stuff during the past week they have declined fully 15 to 25c per cwt, though on the other hand the market otherwise has held fully steady for the period. This decline on common stuff is but temporary and expect it to be regained in the next day or two.

Quotations: Choice to prime steers \$7.50 to \$8.25; good to choice \$7.25 to \$7.50; medium to good \$6.50 to \$7; common to medium \$6.25 to \$6.75; fat cows \$6.25 to \$6.75; medium cows \$6 to \$6.25; cutters \$5.50 to \$5.80; canners \$5.20 to \$5.35; heavy bulls \$6.50 to \$6.75; light bulls \$5.75 to \$6.25; yearlings \$5.50 to \$5.75; heifers \$6.50 to \$6.75; vealers \$7 to \$11; good to choice stockers and feeders \$6.25 to \$6.75; medium to good \$5.75 to \$6.25; common to medium \$5.50 to \$5.75; good stock heifers \$5.75 to \$6.25; stock cows \$5.25 to \$5.50.

Hogs: Good weight hogs continue to find excellent favor and have advanced 40 to 50c per cwt. compared with a week ago, though the market for light stuff has shown little perceptible change, the supplies continuing liberal enough to offset any strength. Heavy hogs reached \$11 today, the highest basis in months. Choice hogs 180 pounds upwards \$10.50 to \$11; mixed hogs 150 to 190 pounds \$10 to \$10.50; 120 to 140 pound pigs \$8.75 to \$9.75; light or pigs \$7 to \$8.25; best rough hogs \$10 to \$10.25; half-fat roughs \$8 to \$9.

Mrs. Sadie Welch Dies.

After an illness of several months, Mrs. Sadie Welch, wife of Mr. J. L. Welch, a popular employee of the Southern Railway shops, died at her home, No. 1304 North Fourth avenue, at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, her death having resulted from Bright's disease.

Mrs. Welch was 52 years old, and was a native of Alabama, but had been a resident of this city for quite a long time. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, who resides in Columbus, and a son, Dr. Hector Welch, of Macon, Miss.

Funeral services were held at the family home Wednesday morning, having been conducted by Rev. W. L. Duren, pastor of the First Methodist church, after which the body was taken to Fayette, Ala., for interment.

Mr. George Mosby, who for several months past has held a position in Birmingham, has returned to Columbus to again take up his former place at the Southern R. R. shops.



—Rollin Kirby in New York World.

DEATH COMES SUDDENLY TO WELL KNOWN CITIZEN

J. M. FUNK EXPIRES WHILE HIS
WAGON IS BEING LOADED
WITH LUMBER.

Mr. J. M. Funk, a farmer residing at No. 921 North Third avenue and operating a farm about three miles east of the city, died suddenly at the plant of the Columbus Lumber Company Monday afternoon. He had gone to the plant to purchase some lumber, and was seized with an attack of heart failure while his wagon was being loaded. He sat down on a pile of lumber and expired within less than a minute.

The deceased was about 61 years old, and is survived by his widow, two daughters and three sons. One of his sons, Mr. Roderick Funk, is chief of the local fire department, while another son, Mr. Troy Funk, is a popular employee of Mr. J. W. Jones, a well known druggist.

The body of Mr. Funk was taken to Woodville, Miss., where he formerly resided, for interment, the funeral having been held there yesterday.

11,045,225 BALES OF COTTON GINNED TO JANUARY FIRST

REPORT IS FOLLOWED BY AD-
VANCE, BUT DECLINE
COMES LATER.

The crop reporting board of the United States department of agriculture on Tuesday issued a report showing that 11,045,225 bales of cotton had been ginned to January 1. The market advanced on the report, and the closing quotations on Tuesday afternoon were about 20 points above those of the previous day, but the market sagged yesterday, and lost from 35 to 40 points.

At the close of business yesterday afternoon New York spots were quoted at 18.40, March futures in New York at 18.24, New Orleans spots at 18.13 and March futures in New Orleans at 17.77. In the local market good middling was quoted at 17.75.

Christian Church Services.

Special services next Sunday. The presence of every member urged and greatly desired.

Morning subject: "The Fate of Judas."

Evening subject: "God Hath Spoken."

Everybody cordially invited.

Mr. E. D. Fothergill, who recently had the misfortune to badly mash one of his hands, is improving.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE
COUNTRY GIVEN IN A
BRIEF FORM.

The Mexican Gulf Hotel, a widely known coast resort at Pass Christian, Miss., was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin Monday night. The loss was estimated at one hundred thousand dollars. The business section of Pass Christian was threatened for a time but arrival of fire apparatus from Gulfport, a distance of seven miles, prevented spreading of the flames. The fire started in a room on the third floor. The hotel was being repaired preparatory to opening for the winter season.

At the funeral in New York of Darwin DeWolf, 76 years old, who died in a hospital from burns suffered while experimenting with a combination kerosene and water burner, it became known that, although he made his home in a piano packing box in the yard of a factory, he had \$6,000 deposited in a Chattanooga bank and owned 27,000 shares in Colorado mining properties which are valuable.

Despite the war, Germany is producing more steel than ever before, according to reports to the department of commerce. A production of 1,423,545 tons in October established a new record. For ten months ending in October, the output was 13,365,418 tons.

Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway, was elected president of the New Orleans & North-eastern Railroad, to succeed Larz A. Jones, resigned, at a meeting of the Northeastern's directors in New Orleans the first of the week.

Hairston-Patty.

A wedding of much surprise to their many friends was solemnized on Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of Mr. P. C. Hairston, on South Third street, when Mr. G. W. Hairston, Jr., of Crawford, and Miss Corinne Patty, of Macon, were married. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. B. Eggleston, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

The couple motored to this city, having been accompanied by a number of friends.

The bride, who is a member of a prominent Noxubee county family, is a most attractive young lady. The groom is a prominent young planter of the southwestern section of the county, being a son of Mr. G. W. Hairston, Sr.

The Commercial joins their many friends in extending to them heartiest congratulations.

Mr. J. Y. McManus, who was with the Southern Railway in Mississippi, in the superintendent's office, has gone to Kansas City to accept a place with the Union Pacific.

On the Jackson Highway.

YOUNG SHOTS HUSBAND OF HIS FORMER WIFE

TOM ROBERTSON WOUNDED BY
VICKSBURG MAN, WHO
MAKES ESCAPE.

Tom Robertson, a painter, was shot and seriously wounded Monday night by W. Z. Young, a steamboat man, the shooting having taken place at Robertson's home in the north-eastern suburbs of the city. Robertson married a woman who was formerly Young's wife, but who secured a divorce from him several years ago.

Young had been away from Columbus quite a long time, but returned a few days ago, and on Monday night went to Robertson's home. The two men became involved in a dispute, and the shooting followed. Young used a revolver, and two shots were fired, one having struck Robertson in the right arm and the other having grazed his chest. The arm was practically shot off and amputation will be necessary, but the other wound is of a superficial nature, as the bullet was deflected before entering the flesh.

Young made his escape after the shooting, and has not yet been taken into custody.

SHEPPARD BILL TO MAKE WASHINGTON "DRY" PASSED

SENATE ADOPTS MEASURE BY
VOTE OF 55 TO 32 WITH-
OUT AMENDMENTS.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The Sheppard bill to abolish saloons in the national capital after November 1, 1917, was passed late yesterday by the Senate and now goes to the House, where its friends claim it is assured of passage. The vote in the Senate was 55 to 32.

While the measure prohibits the sale of liquor in the District of Columbia, it permits importation for personal use. An amendment which would have submitted the proposal to a referendum of citizens of the district was defeated just before passage by a tie vote, 43 to 43.

George Davis.

Miss Addie Davis, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Davis, formerly of this city, who is now residing in Corinth, was on Tuesday night married to Mr. Pinkney George, a well known young business man of Corinth, the wedding having taken place at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis.

The bride, who is a sister of Mrs. C. H. Brown, Jr., is a pretty young lady and has many friends in this city who congratulate Mr. George upon having won her as his wife.

BAPTIST CHURCH INVESTIGATION OF PASTOR RESIGNS "LEAK" IMPROBABLE

DR. J. L. VIPPERMAN TEN-
DERS HIS RESIGNATION
TO CONGREGATION.

WILL BE ASKED
TO RECONSIDER

Is Popular With Members,
Many of Whom Want Him
to Remain.

Dr. J. L. Vipperman, who since 1914, has been pastor of the First Baptist church in this city, has tendered his resignation, but the congregation has declined to accept it. Dr. Vipperman is an able man, being not only a brilliant scholar, but a gifted orator, and there are many members of the church who are anxious for him to continue as pastor. A meeting of the congregation was held yesterday afternoon, and a petition containing 137 names was signed and will be presented to Dr. Vipperman Sunday morning, requesting him to withdraw his resignation.

Dr. Vipperman has been in Columbus a little more than two years, having come here from Spencer, N. C. His pastorate has been a most successful one, and the congregation has steadily grown during his incumbency. He is generally conceded to be one of the most profound scholars who ever filled the local pulpit, and his departure would be a distinct loss not only to the church, which he has so ably served, but to the entire city.

A Marriage Problem.

Cleveland, Jan. 10.—Read this twice:

It's a happy coincidence and a double wedding. Ross Bernstein was married to J. H. Schulman. At the same time and place Hattie Schulman became the bride of J. M. Schulman.

No, it wasn't brother and sister marrying each other, yet 'twas a brother and sister wedding.

Hattie Schulman and J. H. Schulman were related (notice the division of "s" and "h" by "c") and the second bridegroom, J. M. Schulman, (it's minus the "c") became the brother-in-law of J. H. Schulman and the husband of J. H.'s sister.

Can you figure it out? Oh, well, anyway, four young people, three of the same name, embarked on the sea of matrimony, with Rabbi Wolsey at the helm.

Funeral of Mrs. W. L. Ussery.

The remains of Mrs. W. L. Ussery who passed away at her home near Waverly last Friday night, were brought to Columbus Sunday afternoon for interment, and were met at the Southern depot by a large number of sorrowing friends.

Funeral services were held at Friendship cemetery, conducted by Rev. J. L. Vipperman, pastor of the First Baptist church, and the remains were tenderly laid to rest.

The following were the pallbearers: Messrs. J. A. Lipsey, D. D. Richards, E. C. Chapman, E. M. Jamison, John McClanahan, John B. Williams.

After High Food Costs.

Plans were set in motion the past week under the auspices of the Ladies' Reading Circle, for the formation of a Housewives' League for co-operative buying of country produce.

The plans of the organization contemplate the buying of country produce direct from the producer. A meeting will be held in the near future, at which time a definite plan of action will be decided upon.

MAY CALL EXTRA SESSION TO MAKE STATE ABSOLUTELY DRY.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 10.—Governor Bilbo stated Wednesday that he will probably call an extra session of the legislature within the next sixty days for the purpose of passing an absolute prohibition law.

Liquor shipments into the state are now limited to a quart-at-a-time. The action of the United States supreme court in sustaining the Webb Kenyon law prompts the governor in his determination to make Mississippi an absolute prohibition state.

Small Blaze.

The fire department was called to the home of Mr. Robert McClanahan, 1421 College street, about 6 o'clock last evening. The blaze proved to be only a chimney burning out.

RULES COMMITTEE TO SUB-
MIT ADVERSE REPORT
ON RESOLUTION.

TOM LAWSON WILL
NOT GIVE NAMES

Boston Financier Is Bombastic
But Fails to Submit Definite
Facts.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Although Thomas W. Lawson promised yesterday to disclose names and amounts involving men high in official life if Congress ordered an inquiry into the alleged leak in advance of President Wilson's peace note, there were indications that the House rules committee was about to drop its hearing on the Wood resolution for such an investigation and return the resolution to the House with an adverse report.

Democratic members of the committee freely expressed their weariness over the proceedings of the past few days, and their conviction not only that nothing to warrant further inquiry had been brought out so far, but that Mr. Lawson knew nothing to support his sweeping charges.

Mr. Lawson continued to defy the committee, refusing over and over again to give the names of the men he said he had been told profited by the "leak" after suggesting that he could name an official higher up than anyone yet mentioned. Four motions to cite him before the bar of the House for contempt pending when he left the witness stand early in the day were considered by the committee in executive session. No decision was reached, but some of the members indicated that Mr. Lawson probably would not be recalled and that if it was determined to report the Wood resolution unfavorably the contempt charges would be forgotten. In the meantime the financier remains in Washington, subject to the committee's orders.

The hearing will continue throughout today, at least, to give several of the men mentioned in the various reports and rumors related before the committee an opportunity to make statements.

During yesterday's examination Mr. Lawson frankly admitted that he was not particularly concerned with the so-called "leak" itself, but that his purpose in agitating the subject primarily was to bring about a thorough investigation of the New York stock exchange that would lead to incorporation and federal regulation.

The members of the W. C. T. U. will meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. John R. Laws, on South Seventh street.

Mr. J. Burr Rammage, of West Point, was a visitor to Columbus Monday.

FORMER COLLEGE TEACHER DIES IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA

DEATH OF MRS. FANNIE MOS-
BY IS GRIEVED BY MANY
COLUMBUS FRIENDS.

News has been received here of the death of Mrs. Fannie J. Mosby, who for a number of years held the chair of history at the Industrial Institute and College, but who on account of age resigned some time ago, and has since been residing in Meridian.

Mrs. Mosby was reared in Lauderdale county and for many years was identified with education in Meridian.

Her death is deeply mourned, especially by the many friends she made in this city.

Fiddlers' Contest.

There is going to be an old time fiddlers' contest and horse swapping convention in Columbus on January 26, and it is expected that a large number of people from various portions of East Mississippi and West Alabama will assemble here for that occasion. The fiddlers' contest is for the championship of these two states, and as both Mississippi and Alabama have many proficient wielders of the bow, it will undoubtedly be a lively and hard fought one. Suitable prizes will be awarded to the winners.